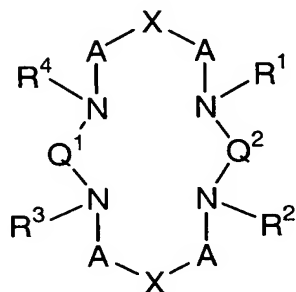
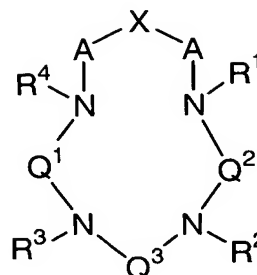


WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A compound of formulae (I) or (II):



(I)



(II)

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ;

$R^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

X is selected from the group:  $BR^6R^7$ ,  $C(=O)$ ,  $SiR^6R^7$ ,  $GeR^6R^7$ ,  $SnR^6R^7$ ,  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$ ,  $P(=O)R^9$ ,  $P(=S)R^9$ ,  $AsR^9$  and  $As(=O)R^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $CH_2$ ,  $NR^{10}$  and O;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

or alternatively,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from

the group: C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>13</sup> and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>8</sup> is selected from the group: OR<sup>14</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>14</sup>, S(=O)<sub>2</sub>R<sup>14</sup> and P(=O)(OR<sup>14</sup>);

5 R<sup>9</sup> is selected from the group: OR<sup>14</sup>, NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup> and CH<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>15</sup>R<sup>16</sup>;  
R<sup>10</sup>, R<sup>11</sup> and R<sup>12</sup> are independently selected from the group: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>17</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>17</sup> and aryl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>17</sup>;

10 R<sup>13</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH, NHR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>18</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>18</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)OR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)NR<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>, SR<sup>18</sup>, SOR<sup>18</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>18</sup>, NHC(=O)R<sup>18</sup>, NHC(=O)NHR<sup>18</sup>, CH<sub>2</sub>OR<sup>18</sup>, CH<sub>3</sub> and NHC(=S)NHR<sup>18</sup>;

15 R<sup>14</sup>, R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> are independently selected from the group: hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>13</sup>, C<sub>2</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkenyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>13</sup> and aryl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>13</sup>;

or, alternatively, two R<sup>14</sup> or R<sup>15</sup> and R<sup>16</sup> may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge  
20 selected from the group: C<sub>3</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>13</sup> and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3 R<sup>13</sup>;

R<sup>17</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH, NHR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>18</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>18</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)OR<sup>18</sup>, C(=O)NR<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>, PO<sub>3</sub>R<sub>2</sub><sup>18</sup>, SR<sup>18</sup>, SOR<sup>18</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>18</sup>, NHC(=O)R<sup>18</sup>,  
25 NHC(=O)NHR<sup>18</sup> and NHC(=S)NHR<sup>18</sup>; and

R<sup>18</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, benzyl and phenyl;

with the proviso that when said compound is of formula (I) and X is P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>, A is not CH<sub>2</sub>.

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2. A compound of Claim 1, wherein:

X is selected from the group: NR<sup>8</sup>, PR<sup>9</sup> and P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>;

A is CH<sub>2</sub>;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ; and

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ .

5            3. A compound of Claim 2 of formula (II), wherein:

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2 or 3;

10            $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

15            $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

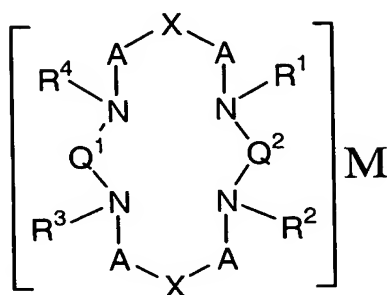
$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H and  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl.

20           4. A compound of Claim 3, wherein:

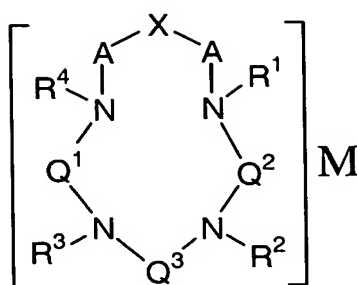
$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $CH_2COOH$ ,  $CH_2PO_3H_2$  and  $CH_2$ -heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

25            $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NH_2$ , COOH,  $PO_3H_2$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $CH_3$  and  $SO_3H$ .

5. A radiopharmaceutical of formulae (III) or (IV):



(III)



(IV)

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

M is selected from the group:  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{111}\text{In}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{149}\text{Pr}$ ,  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{159}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{166}\text{Ho}$ ,  $^{169}\text{Yb}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{186}\text{Re}$  and  $^{188}\text{Re}$ ;

$\text{R}^1$ ,  $\text{R}^2$ ,  $\text{R}^3$  and  $\text{R}^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from:  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^5$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^5$ ;

$\text{R}^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from: H,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

X is selected from the group:  $\text{BR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})$ ,  $\text{SiR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{GeR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{SnR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^8$ ,  $\text{PR}^9$ ,  $\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{P}(=\text{S})\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{AsR}^9$  and  $\text{As}(=\text{O})\text{R}^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{NR}^{10}$  and O;

$\text{Q}^1$ ,  $\text{Q}^2$ , and  $\text{Q}^3$  are independently  $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

$\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

or alternatively,  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$ ,  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$  and  $P(=O)(OR^{14})$ ;

$R^9$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $NR^{15}R^{16}$  and  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

5  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$ ;

10  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ ,  $CH_3$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ;

15  $R^{14}$ ,  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

20 or, alternatively, two  $R^{14}$  or  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $C_3-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

25  $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ;

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, benzyl and phenyl; and

$R^{23}$  is a bond to the metal M;

30 with the proviso that when said radiopharmaceutical is of formula (III) and X is  $P(=O)R^9$ , A is not  $CH_2$ .

6. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 5, wherein:

X is selected from the group:  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$  and  $P(=O)R^9$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ; and

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ .

5           7. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 6 of formula (IV),  
wherein:

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

10            $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n  
is 2 or 3;

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  
 $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted  
with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

15            $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  
 $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR^{18}_2$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}_2$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  
 $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H and  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl.

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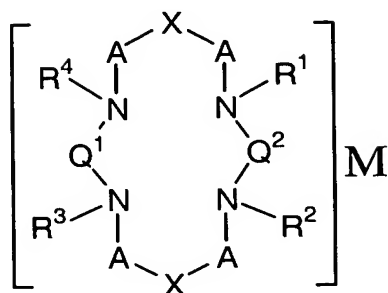
8. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 7, wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each  
occurrence from the group: H,  $CH_2COOH$ ,  $CH_2PO_3H_2$  and  $CH_2$ -  
heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

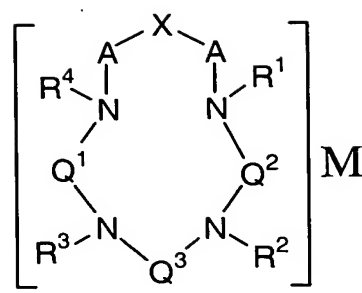
25            $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  
 $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ , OH,  $NH_2$ , COOH,  $PO_3H_2$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $CH_3$  and  
 $SO_3H$ .

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9. A MRI contrast agent of the formulae (V) or (VI):



(V)



(VI)

and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, wherein:

M is a paramagnetic metal ion of atomic number selected from the group: 21-29, 42-44 and 58-70;

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ;

$R^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from: H,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

X is selected from the group:  $BR^6R^7$ ,  $C(=O)$ ,  $SiR^6R^7$ ,  $GeR^6R^7$ ,  $SnR^6R^7$ ,  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$ ,  $P(=O)R^9$ ,  $P(=S)R^9$ ,  $AsR^9$  and  $As(=O)R^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $CH_2$ ,  $NR^{10}$  and O;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

or alternatively,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$ ,  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$  and  $P(=O)(OR^{14})$ ;

$R^9$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $NR^{15}R^{16}$  and  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

5  $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$ ;

10  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ ,  $CH_3$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ;

15  $R^{14}$ ,  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

20 or, alternatively, two  $R^{14}$  or  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $C_3-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

25  $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ;

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, benzyl and phenyl; and

$R^{23}$  is a bond to the metal M;

30 with the proviso that when said MRI contrast agent is of formula (V) and X is  $P(=O)R^9$ , A is not  $CH_2$ .

10. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 9, wherein:

X is selected from the group:  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$  and  $P(=O)R^9$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;



$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ; and

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ .

5        11. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 10 of formula (VI),  
wherein:

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

10         $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n  
is 2 or 3;

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group:  
H,  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl  
substituted with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

15         $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  
 $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  
 $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H and  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl.

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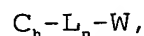
12. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 11, wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each  
occurrence from the group: H,  $CH_2COOH$ ,  $CH_2PO_3H_2$  and  $CH_2$ -  
heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

25         $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from  
the group: H,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  
 $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ , OH,  $NH_2$ , COOH,  $PO_3H_2$ ,  $CH_2OH$ ,  $CH_3$  and  
 $SO_3H$ .

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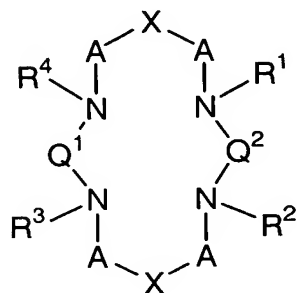
13. A conjugate of the formula:



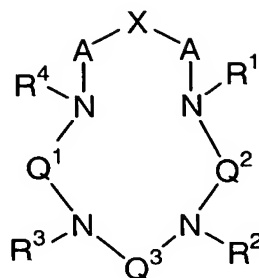
and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein:

$C_n$  is a chelator of formulae (VII) or (VIII):



(VII)



(VIII)

wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ;

$R^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

X is selected from the group:  $BR^6R^7$ ,  $C(=O)$ ,  $SiR^6R^7$ ,  $GeR^6R^7$ ,  $SnR^6R^7$ ,  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$ ,  $P(=O)R^9$ ,  $P(=S)R^9$ ,  $AsR^9$  and  $As(=O)R^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $CH_2$ ,  $NR^{10}$  and O;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

$R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

or alternatively,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from

the group:  $C_3-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$ ,  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$  and  $P(=O)(OR^{14})$ ;

5  $R^9$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $NR^{15}R^{16}$  and  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;  
 $R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$ ;

10  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{18}$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$  and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

15  $R^{14}$ ,  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from the group: hydrogen,  $C_1-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2-C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

or, alternatively, two  $R^{14}$  or  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge  
 20 selected from the group:  $C_3-C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

$R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  
 25  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$  and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

$L_n$  is a linking group of formula:

30 
$$L^1 - [Y^1(CR^{19}R^{20})_f(Z^1)_fY^2]_f - L^2,$$

wherein:

$L^1$  is  $-(CH_2)_gZ^1]_g - (CR^{19}R^{20})_g -$ ;

$L^2$  is  $-(CR^{19}R^{20})_g - [Z^1(CH_2)_g]_g -$ ;

g is independently 0-10;

g' is independently 0-1;

g" is independently 0-10;

f is independently 0-10;

5 f' is independently 0-10;

f" is independently 0-1;

Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup>, at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond, O, NR<sup>20</sup>, C=O, C(=O)O, OC(=O)O, C(=O)NH-, C=NR<sup>20</sup>, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NHC(=O),  
10 (NH)<sub>2</sub>C(=O) and (NH)<sub>2</sub>C=S;

R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>21</sup> and alkaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with 0-5 R<sup>21</sup>;  
R<sup>21</sup>;

15 R<sup>21</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: NHR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)OR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)NR<sub>2</sub><sup>22</sup>, -CN, SR<sup>22</sup>, SOR<sup>22</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=O)NHR<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=S)NHR<sup>22</sup> and a bond to W;

20 R<sup>22</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to W; and

W is a biologically active molecule selected from the group: IIb/IIIa receptor ligands, fibrin binding peptides, leukocyte binding peptides, chemotactic  
25 peptides, somatostatin analogs, selectin binding peptides, vitronectin receptor antagonists and tyrosine kinase inhibitors;

with the proviso that when said chelator is of formula (VII) and X is P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>, A is not CH<sub>2</sub>.

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14. A conjugate of Claim 13, wherein:

X is selected from the group: NR<sup>8</sup>, PR<sup>9</sup> and P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>;

A is CH<sub>2</sub>;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ;

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

$g$  is independently 0-5;

5  $g''$  is independently 0-5;

$f$  is independently 0-5;

$f'$  is independently 0-5;

10  $Y^1$  and  $Y^2$ , at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond, O,  $NR^{20}$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $C(=O)O$ ,  $OC(=O)O$ ,  $C(=O)NH-$ ,  $SO$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $NHC(=O)$ ,  $(NH)_2C(=O)$  and  $(NH)_2C=S$ ; and

15  $R^{21}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $NHR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{22}$ ,  $SO_2R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{22}$  and a bond to W.

15. A conjugate of Claim 14 wherein:

Ch is a chelator of formula (VIII);

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

20 A is  $CH_2$ ;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein:  $n$  is 2 or 3;

25  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

$R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

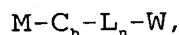
30  $R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H and  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl.

16. A conjugate of Claim 15, wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$  and  $\text{CH}_2$ -heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

5  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $\text{NH}_2$ , COOH,  $\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$  and  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ .

17. A radiopharmaceutical of the formula:



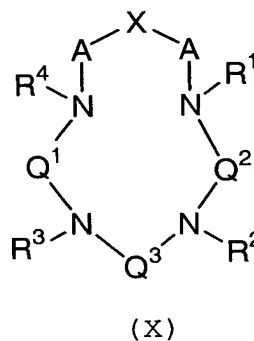
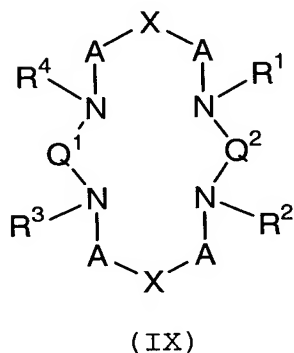
10 and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof,

wherein,

M is selected from the group:  $^{64}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Cu}$ ,  $^{67}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{68}\text{Ga}$ ,  $^{99\text{m}}\text{Tc}$ ,  $^{111}\text{In}$ ,  $^{90}\text{Y}$ ,  $^{149}\text{Pr}$ ,  $^{153}\text{Sm}$ ,  $^{159}\text{Gd}$ ,  $^{166}\text{Ho}$ ,  $^{169}\text{Yb}$ ,  $^{177}\text{Lu}$ ,  $^{186}\text{Re}$  and  $^{188}\text{Re}$ ;

$\text{C}_n$  is a chelator of formulae (IX) or (X):

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wherein:

20  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ,  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ;

25  $R^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{C}_1$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $\text{C}_2$ - $\text{C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

X is selected from the group:  $\text{BR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})$ ,  $\text{SiR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{GeR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{SnR}^6\text{R}^7$ ,  $\text{NR}^8$ ,  $\text{PR}^9$ ,  $\text{P}(=\text{O})\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{P}(=\text{S})\text{R}^9$ ,  $\text{AsR}^9$  and  $\text{As}(=\text{O})\text{R}^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $\text{CH}_2$ ,  $\text{NR}^{10}$  and O;

5  $\text{Q}^1$ ,  $\text{Q}^2$ , and  $\text{Q}^3$  are independently  $-(\text{CR}^{11}\text{R}^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

$\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

or alternatively,  $\text{R}^6$  and  $\text{R}^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

15  $\text{R}^8$  is selected from the group:  $\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{OR}^{14}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{14}$ ,  $\text{S}(=\text{O})_2\text{R}^{14}$  and  $\text{P}(=\text{O})(\text{OR}^{14})$ ;

$\text{R}^9$  is selected from the group:  $\text{OR}^{14}$ ,  $\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$  and  $\text{CH}_2\text{NR}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$ ;

$\text{R}^{10}$ ,  $\text{R}^{11}$  and  $\text{R}^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{17}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^{17}$ ;

$\text{R}^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{NHR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ ,  $\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{NR}_2^{18}$ ,  $\text{PO}_3\text{R}_2^{18}$ ,  $\text{PO}_3\text{R}^{18}\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{SR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SOR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{18}$ ,  $\text{SOR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{NHC}(=\text{O})\text{R}^{18}$ ,  $\text{NHC}(=\text{O})\text{NHR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OR}^{18}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{CH}_3$ ,  $\text{NHC}(=\text{S})\text{NHR}^{18}$  and a bond to  $\text{L}_n$ ;

$\text{R}^{14}$ ,  $\text{R}^{15}$  and  $\text{R}^{16}$  are independently selected from the group:  $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ,  $\text{C}_2\text{-C}_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

or, alternatively, two  $\text{R}^{14}$  or  $\text{R}^{15}$  and  $\text{R}^{16}$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $\text{C}_3\text{-C}_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $\text{R}^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $\text{R}^{13}$ ;

$R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $H$ ,  $OH$ ,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$  and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

5  $R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $H$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

$R^{23}$  is a bond to the metal  $M$ ;

$L_n$  is a linking group of formula:

10 
$$L^1 - [Y^1 (CR^{19} R^{20})_f (Z^1)_{f'} Y^2]_{f''} - L^2,$$

wherein:

$L^1$  is  $-(CH_2)_g Z^1]_{g'} - (CR^{19} R^{20})_{g''} -$ ;

$L^2$  is  $-(CR^{19} R^{20})_{g''} - [Z^1 (CH_2)_g]_{g'} -$ ;

$g$  is independently 0-10;

15  $g'$  is independently 0-1;

$g''$  is independently 0-10;

$f$  is independently 0-10;

$f'$  is independently 0-10;

$f''$  is independently 0-1;

20  $Y^1$  and  $Y^2$ , at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond,  $O$ ,  $NR^{20}$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $C(=O)O$ ,  $OC(=O)O$ ,  $C(=O)NH-$ ,  $C=NR^{20}$ ,  $S$ ,  $SO$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $NHC(=O)$ ,  $(NH)_2C(=O)$  and  $(NH)_2C=S$ ;

25  $R^{19}$  and  $R^{20}$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $H$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{21}$  and alkaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with 0-5  $R^{21}$ ;

30  $R^{21}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $NHR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{22}$ ,  $-CN$ ,  $SR^{22}$ ,  $SOR^{22}$ ,  $SO_2R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{22}$  and a bond to  $W$ ;



$R^{22}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C_1-C_6$  alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to W; and

W is a biologically active molecule selected from the group: IIb/IIIa receptor ligands, fibrin binding peptides, leukocyte binding peptides, chemotactic peptides, somatostatin analogs, selectin binding peptides, vitronectin receptor antagonists and tyrosine kinase inhibitors;

with the proviso that when said chelator is of formula (IX) and X is  $P(=O)R^9$ , A is not  $CH_2$ .

18. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 17, wherein:

X is selected from the group:  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$  and  $P(=O)R^9$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ;

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

g is independently 0-5;

g" is independently 0-5;

f is independently 0-5;

f' is independently 0-5;

$Y^1$  and  $Y^2$ , at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond, O,  $NR^{20}$ , C=O,  $C(=O)O$ ,  $OC(=O)O$ ,  $C(=O)NH-$ , SO,  $SO_2$ ,  $NHC(=O)$ ,  $(NH)_2C(=O)$  and  $(NH)_2C=S$ ; and

$R^{21}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $NHR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)NR^{22}$ ,  $SO_2R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{22}$  and a bond to W.

19. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 18, wherein:

Ch is a chelator of formula (X);

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

A is  $CH_2$ ;

5  $Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2 or 3;

$R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

10  $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

$R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H and  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl.

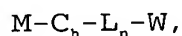
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20. A radiopharmaceutical of Claim 19, wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $CH_2COOH$ ,  $CH_2PO_3H_2$  and  $CH_2$ -heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

20  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ , OH,  $NH_2$ , COOH,  $PO_3H_2$ ,  $CH_2OH$ , CH<sub>3</sub> and  $SO_3H$ .

25 21. A MRI contrast agent of the formula:

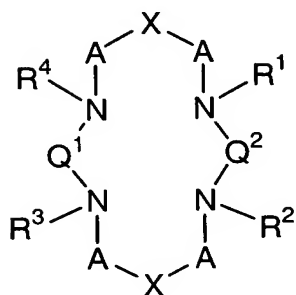


and pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof,

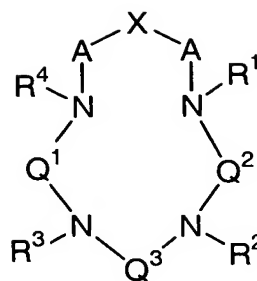
wherein:

30 M is a paramagnetic metal ion of atomic number selected from the group: 21-29, 42-44 and 58-70;

$C_h$  is a chelator of formulae (XI) or (XII):



(XI)



(XII)

wherein:

5  $R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^5$ ;

10  $R^5$  is independently elected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ , aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and heterocycle substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

15 X is selected from the group:  $BR^6R^7$ ,  $C(=O)$ ,  $SiR^6R^7$ ,  $GeR^6R^7$ ,  $SnR^6R^7$ ,  $NR^8$ ,  $PR^9$ ,  $P(=O)R^9$ ,  $P(=S)R^9$ ,  $AsR^9$  and  $As(=O)R^9$ ;

A is selected from the group:  $CH_2$ ,  $NR^{10}$  and O;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein: n is 2-5;

20  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

25 or alternatively,  $R^6$  and  $R^7$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$ ,  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$  and  $P(=O)(OR^{14})$ ;

$R^9$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{14}$ ,  $NR^{15}R^{16}$  and  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

$R^{10}$ ,  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently selected from the group: H,  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$ ;

5  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $OR^{23}$ ,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{23}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}R^{23}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SR^{23}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{23}$ ,  $SO_2R^{23}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{18}$ ,  $CH_2OR^{23}$ ,  $CH_3$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$   
10 and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

$R^{14}$ ,  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  are independently selected from the group:  $C_1$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ,  $C_2$ - $C_{10}$  alkenyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and aryl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$ ;

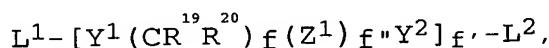
15 or, alternatively, two  $R^{14}$  or  $R^{15}$  and  $R^{16}$  may be taken together to form a transannular bridge, said bridge selected from the group:  $C_3$ - $C_{10}$  alkyl substituted with 0-5  $R^{13}$  and ortho-aryl substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ;

20  $R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR_2^{18}$ ,  $PO_3R_2^{18}$ ,  $SR^{18}$ ,  $SOR^{18}$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$  and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

25  $R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $C_1$ - $C_6$  alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to  $L_n$ ;

$R^{23}$  is a bond to the metal M;

$L_n$  is a linking group of formula:



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wherein:

$L^1$  is  $-(CH_2)_g Z^1]_g - (CR^{19}R^{20})_g -$ ;

$L^2$  is  $-(CR^{19}R^{20})_g - [Z^1 (CH_2)_g]_g -$ ;

g is independently 0-10;

g' is independently 0-1;

g" is independently 0-10;

f is independently 0-10;

5 f' is independently 0-10;

f" is independently 0-1;

Y<sup>1</sup> and Y<sup>2</sup>, at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond, O, NR<sup>20</sup>, C=O, C(=O)O, OC(=O)O, C(=O)NH-, C=NR<sup>20</sup>, S, SO, SO<sub>2</sub>, NHC(=O),  
10 (NH)<sub>2</sub>C(=O) and (NH)<sub>2</sub>C=S;

R<sup>19</sup> and R<sup>20</sup> are independently selected at each occurrence from: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>10</sub> alkyl substituted with 0-5 R<sup>21</sup> and alkaryl wherein the aryl is substituted with 0-5 R<sup>21</sup>;

15 R<sup>21</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: NHR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, OC(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, OC(=O)OR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)OR<sup>22</sup>, C(=O)NR<sub>2</sub><sup>22</sup>, -CN, SR<sup>22</sup>, SOR<sup>22</sup>, SO<sub>2</sub>R<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=O)R<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=O)NHR<sup>22</sup>, NHC(=S)NHR<sup>22</sup> and a bond to W;

20 R<sup>22</sup> is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>6</sub> alkyl, benzyl, phenyl and a bond to W; and

25 W is a biologically active molecule selected from the group: IIb/IIIa receptor ligands, fibrin binding peptides, leukocyte binding peptides, chemotactic peptides, somatostatin analogs, selectin binding peptides, vitronectin receptor antagonists and tyrosine kinase inhibitors

with the proviso that when said chelator is of formula (XI) and X is P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>, A is not CH<sub>2</sub>.

30 22. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 21, wherein:

X is selected from the group: NR<sup>8</sup>, PR<sup>9</sup> and P(=O)R<sup>9</sup>;

A is CH<sub>2</sub>;

$R^8$  is selected from the group:  $OR^{23}$ ,  $OR^{14}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{14}$  and  $S(=O)_2R^{14}$ ;

$R^9$  is  $CH_2NR^{15}R^{16}$ ;

$g$  is independently 0-5;

5  $g''$  is independently 0-5;

$f$  is independently 0-5;

$f'$  is independently 0-5;

10  $Y^1$  and  $Y^2$ , at each occurrence, are independently selected from the group: a bond, O,  $NR^{20}$ ,  $C=O$ ,  $C(=O)O$ ,  $OC(=O)O$ ;  $C(=O)NH-$ ,  $SO$ ,  $SO_2$ ,  $NHC(=O)$ ,  $(NH)_2C(=O)$  and  $(NH)_2C=S$ ; and

15  $R^{21}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group selected from the group:  $NHR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{22}$ ,  $C(=O)NR^{22}_2$ ,  $SO_2R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{22}$ ,  $NHC(=S)NHR^{22}$  and a bond to W.

23. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 22, wherein:

Ch is a chelator of formula (XII);

X is  $P(=O)OH$ ;

20 A is  $CH_2$ ;

$Q^1$ ,  $Q^2$ , and  $Q^3$  are independently  $-(CR^{11}R^{12})_n-$ , wherein  $n$  is 2 or 3;

25  $R^{11}$  and  $R^{12}$  are independently chosen from the group: H,  $C_1-C_5$  alkyl substituted with 0-3  $R^{17}$  and aryl substituted with 0-1  $R^{17}$ ;

$R^{17}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H, OH,  $NHR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $OC(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)OR^{18}$ ,  $C(=O)NR^{18}_2$ ,  $PO_3R^{18}_2$ ,  $SO_2R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)R^{18}$ ,  $NHC(=O)NHR^{18}$  and  $NHC(=S)NHR^{18}$ ; and

30  $R^{18}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H and  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl.

24. A MRI contrast agent of Claim 23, wherein:

$R^1$ ,  $R^2$ ,  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  are independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $\text{CH}_2\text{COOH}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2$ -heterocycle substituted with 0-3  $R^{13}$ ; and

5  $R^{13}$  is independently selected at each occurrence from the group: H,  $\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{OC}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{C}(=\text{O})\text{OR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{PO}_3\text{R}^{18}\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SOR}^{23}$ ,  $\text{SO}_2\text{R}^{23}$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OR}^{23}$ , OH,  $\text{NH}_2$ , COOH,  $\text{PO}_3\text{H}_2$ ,  $\text{CH}_2\text{OH}$ , CH<sub>3</sub> and  $\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ .

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